

2012

HILLIARD DIVISION OF POLICE ANNUAL REPORT



Donald J. Schonhardt

Mayor / Director of Safety

J. Douglas Francis

Chief of Police

HILLIARD DIVISION OF POLICE

★ ★ ★ MISSION ★ ★ ★

We, the employees of the Hilliard Division of Police, are committed to serve the Hilliard Community to enhance the quality of life by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, preserve peace, enforce the law with respect to the constitutional rights of all citizens, reduce fear and provide a safe community environment. The mission is based on a foundation of integrity, commitment, cooperation and professionalism.

★ ★ ★ CORE VALUES ★ ★ ★

INTEGRITY – We dedicate ourselves to serve without bias or prejudice and hold ourselves accountable to the highest professional and ethical standards.

COMMITMENT – We dedicate ourselves to excellence and unity for the purpose of improving the quality of life in our community.

COOPERATION – We dedicate ourselves to developing a partnership with our community by working together in a spirit of trust and mutual respect.

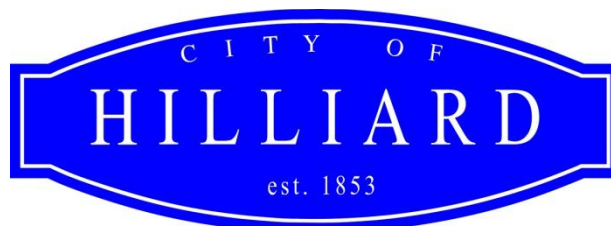
PROFESSIONALISM – We dedicate ourselves to develop high quality, efficient and courteous service through innovative techniques, strategic plans and team work.

All the members of the Division of Police accept responsibility for their part in supporting the Mission and Core Values and are committed to giving the maximum effort in creating an environment in which all can be proud.

On the Cover – *The Hilliard Division of Police unveiled a new retro look for its police vehicles – the new black and white police cars hit the streets in 2012. As part of a new commitment to excellence, the new Chevrolet police cruisers feature a bold black and white paint scheme, all-blue light bars, and a prominent display of the Agency's new shoulder patch.*

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To the Citizens of the City of Hilliard

Chief's Message

I am pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report for the Hilliard Division of Police.

2012 began by reminding us that we are not immune to serious violent crime as a string of armed robberies that plagued the northwest area of central Ohio also hit our city. We also saw arsons, burglaries, and thefts. I am pleased to report that we responded with several pro-active initiatives, partnered with surrounding agencies, and brought to justice numerous dangerous lawbreakers.



Personnel changes within the Agency dominated the year once again with the hiring of Deputy Chief Robert A. Fisher, the addition of two new police officers, the promotions of two officers to the rank of sergeant, and the promotion of one sergeant to lieutenant. Getting the Agency's supervisory staff in place was critical to establish the leadership necessary to implement our vision. We also saw the retirement of our senior clerk which serves to remind us that personnel development at all levels of the organization is imperative.

To put our philosophy of community oriented policing into action, we divided the City into districts and we now make our personnel assignments based on a number of criteria chosen after reviewing our computer data. This information allows us to patrol and respond in an effective manner that is responsive to community needs. The bottom line is that we aim to serve the people to the best of our abilities; this community deserves nothing less. Always critical to our partnership are the efforts of volunteers, neighborhood leaders, and the City Administration. We are grateful to work together with such outstanding people.

Our commitment to our core values must never waiver; and while we preserve that core, we also commit to stimulating progress to build a successful, visionary, and responsive police agency. A new vision needs a new look, and ours is apparent when you see our new uniform patches and the new black and white color design on our police vehicles.

As you review this Annual Report, know that this information documents our efforts to reduce crime, maintain order, establish relationships with the community, and seek continual improvement. It is an honor to serve as your Police Chief; please review with a critical eye and let me know how we're doing.

Best Wishes.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'J. Douglas Francis'.

J. Douglas Francis

General Information

Service Area – Hilliard Division of Police

City of Hilliard Population (2011): 28,816

Norwich Township (Unincorporated 2011): 3,982

Total Population Served: 32,798

Village of Hilliard – Incorporated 1869

City of Hilliard – Incorporated 1960

Division of Police - Established 1957

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Hilliard Division of Police

Chief J. Douglas Francis

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General Financial Information

2012 Operating Budget

(as approved December 2011)

Wages & Benefits.....	\$7,845,498
Materials, Supplies & Training.....	\$178,000
Contracts.....	\$154,500
Travel & Petty Cash.....	\$6,300
Total -	\$8,184,298

2013 Operating Budget

(as approved December 2012)

Wages & Benefits.....	\$7,921,982
Materials, Supplies & Training.....	\$186,000
Contracts.....	\$169,000
Travel & Petty Cash.....	\$6,300
Total -	\$8,283,282
Percent Change:	1.2%

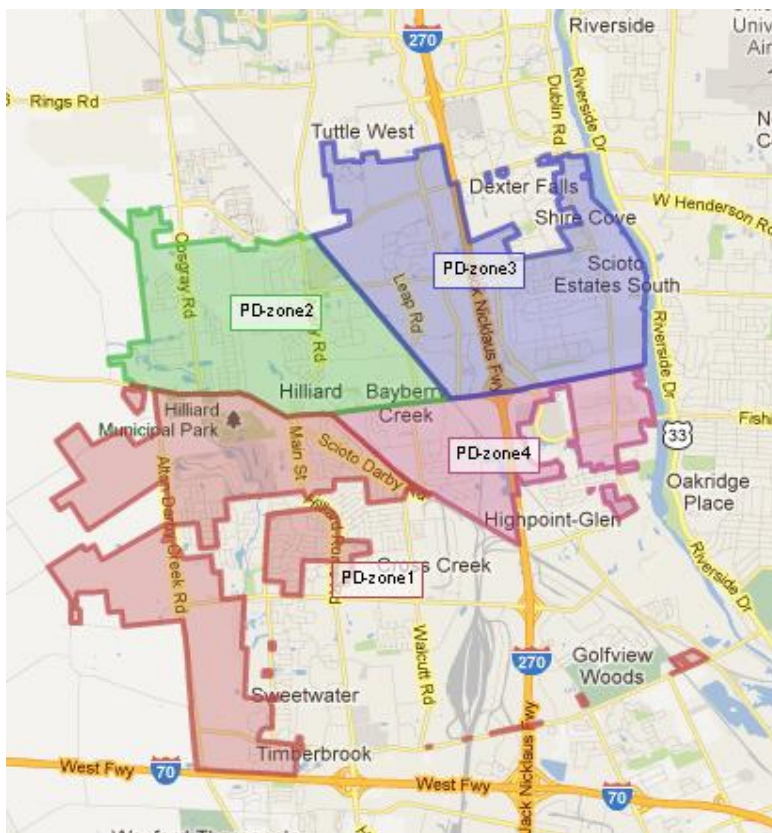
2012 Capital Budget

Vehicles.....	\$190,000
Safety Vests	\$17,000
Weapons.....	\$4,000
Safety Equipment	\$17,600
Evidence Room Improvements.....	\$30,000
Total -	\$258,600

2013 Capital Budget

Vehicles.....	\$262,000
Safety Vests	\$14,000
Weapons.....	\$1,500
Safety Equipment	\$26,500
Speed Measuring Devices.....	\$12,000
Building/Facility Improvements.....	\$20,000
Total -	\$336,000
Percent Change:	29.9%

The City of Hilliard and Norwich Township are divided into four distinct patrol districts. This new districting plan was implemented in 2012 to better utilize and allocate police patrol personnel.



Personnel Information

Personnel Staffing (as of January 1, 2013)

- Authorized Full-Time Sworn.....52
- Current Full-Time Sworn.....50
- Authorized Full-Time Support Staff.....17
- Current Full-Time Support Staff.....15

Personnel Summary	2010	2011	End of 2012
Administration			
Chief of Police	1	1	1
Deputy Chief of Police	0	0	1
Secretary	1	1	1
Field Operations Bureau			
Lieutenant	1	0	1
Sergeants	5	4	4
Patrol Officers	23	26	28
Canine Officers	1	3	3
School Resource Officers	3	3	3
Court Liaison Officer	1	1	1
Support Services Bureau			
Lieutenant	2	1	1
Sergeant	1	1	2
DARE Officers	2	2	0
Detectives	4	4	3
Detective Clerk	1	1	1
Evidence Clerk	1	1	1
Record Clerks	3	3	2
Communication Techs.	10	10	10
Training Officer(s)	2	0	1
Community Service Ofc.	1	1	1
Total Full-Time Employees			
	63	63	65

Employees of the Year 2012



Ofc. Rich Quigley
Field Operations



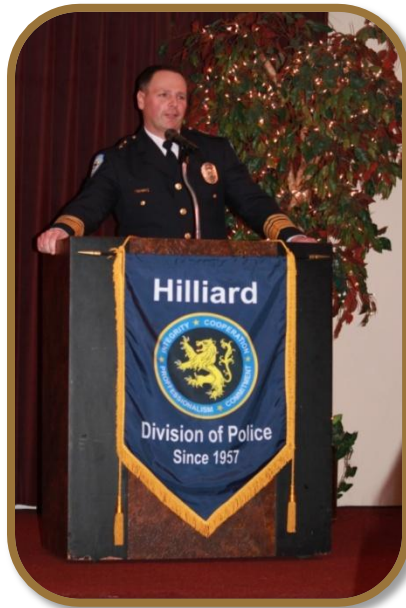
Sgt. Curtis Baker
Support Services – Detectives



Comm. Tech. Kristan Turner
Support Services - Communications

Personnel Information

The Division of Police welcomed three new employees in 2012. On January 1st, Robert "Bobby" Fisher began his new career with the City of Hilliard as the Agency's new Deputy Chief of Police. On August 20th, two new police officers were sworn in by Mayor Schonhardt at a ceremony attended by the new officers' families, friends and agency members.



Deputy Chief Bobby Fisher addressed the crowd at the 2012 Awards Banquet and expressed his joy & excitement over joining the ranks of HPD.

New Police Officers

Officer Dustin C. Vance

Officer Austin J. Vogelsang

Two new officers were sworn in on August 20th. From left to right: Deputy Chief Bobby Fisher, Ofc. Dustin Vance, Ofc. Austin Vogelsang, Mayor Don Schonhardt, Safety Director Pam Fox and Chief Douglas Francis.



"One of the best things about being Chief is that I have the opportunity to welcome new employees into the ranks of HPD. Standing by a promise I made a few years back, all new employees will be welcomed in a way that shows our appreciation towards them as an intricate member of our team while also serving as a challenge that their adventure is just beginning."

--Chief Douglas Francis

Personnel Information

2012 Promotions

David Plesich: Sergeant to Lieutenant
David Cunningham: Detective to Sergeant
Curtis Baker: Detective to Sergeant



Above - Newly promoted personnel at the Swearing in Ceremony on October 01, 2012. From left to right: Sgt. Curtis Baker, Lt. David Plesich, and Sgt. David Cunningham.



Left - During her retirement celebration, Chief Francis presents Clerk Esther Sauls with a commemorative plaque recognizing her 23 years of service to Hilliard Police.

Right - After spending 10 years as the Safety Director for the City of Hilliard, Pam Fox left the department to become the Law Director for the City of Worthington. During HPD's Holiday Luncheon, Chief Francis presented Director Fox with a plaque denoting our sincere appreciation for her service to the Division of Police.



"In 2012 we changed the promotional process. It was important to me that the process be thorough, rigorous, and identify the best qualified candidates. Not only do we have some excellent leaders being promoted today, but we also have several more in the pipeline awaiting their opportunity." Comments from the October promotional ceremony.

--Chief Douglas Francis

Awards and Recognitions

The Division of Police held its Annual Awards Recognition Banquet on March 2, 2013 to recognize employees for outstanding service during 2012. Award Recipients included:



Mayor's Award
Clerk Pam Cunningham



Community Service Award
Officer Marcus Blevins

Field Ops Bureau
Employee of the Year
Ofc. Rich Quigley

Support Services-Detective
Employee of the Year
Sgt. Curtis Baker

Support Services -
Communications
Employee of the Year
Comm. Tech. Kristan Turner

Commendation Citation



Ofc. Kyle Bright Det. Joshua Cohill Ofc. Tony LaRosa Ofc. Richard Quigley Ofc. Chad Wood

Achievement Citation



Ofc. Anthony Agosta
Sgt. Curtis Baker
Ofc. Joshua Barnett
Tech. Chris Bowen
Sgt. Randy Bucy

Sgt. Ron Clark
Sgt. Dave Cunningham
Ofc. Tom Earhart
Tech. Shannon Halfhill
Ofc. Tony LaRosa

Tech. Lisa Lemaster
Ofc. Doug Lightfoot
Ofc. Brandon Long
Ofc. Charlie Lupi
Det. Debbie Mullin

Ofc. Mark Proud
Tech. Wanda Rice
Ofc. Kris Settles
Tech. Kristan Turner
Ofc. Ryan Turner

Letters of Recognition

Det. Marcus Blevins
Tech. Missy Roach

Sgt. Randy Bucy
Tech. Debbie Skeldon

Chief Douglas Francis
Ofc. Robert Seum

Lt. David Plesich
Ofc. Robert White

Awards and Recognitions

Faithful Service Awards

During 2012, the following employees were recognized with Faithful Service Awards for their continual, full-time service to the City of Hilliard.

5 Years

Ofc. Anthony LaRosa
Ofc. Joshua Barnett

10 Years

Ofc. Joshua Cohill

15 Years

Ofc. Jon Gleason
Ofc. James Large, Jr.

25 Years

Ofc. Rich Quigley
Sgt. David Cunningham

30 Years

Sgt. Michael Redmond



Sgt. Michael Redmond receives a 30 year commemorative plaque from Chief Francis.



During the annual awards banquet held to recognize members of HPD for their accomplishments in 2012, Chief Francis presents the "Employee of the Year" awards to Comm. Tech. Kristan Turner and Sergeant Curtis Baker. (Officer Rich Quigley was also recognized as the Field Operations employee of the year.)



Hilliard Police Unveils a New Look

In 2012, the Agency set out to redesign the look of the Hilliard Division of Police by creating a “traditional yet retro” look for its new fleet of police vehicles. The Agency developed an innovative black and white scheme for the new 2012 Chevrolet Police Patrol Vehicles and installed all blue light bars reminiscent of Hilliard Police vehicles from the 1980’s.



Also in 2012, the Division of Police designed a new uniform patch to replace the previous uniform patch that had been implemented in the late 1970’s. The new patch highlights the Agency’s core values of **Professionalism, Integrity, Cooperation** and **Commitment**.



2012 Yearly Statistics

On the following pages are summaries of yearly statistics detailing the following:

- Calls for Service Summary
- Response Time Summary
- Traffic Crash Summary
- Traffic Enforcement Summary
- Crime Report Summary (Type 1)
- Crime Report Summary (Type 2)
- Arrest Breakdown Summary
- Criminal Charges Summary
- Criminal Investigations Unit Summary
- Special Investigations Unit
- Canine Unit
- Community Outreach
- Property Room Summary
- Fleet Management

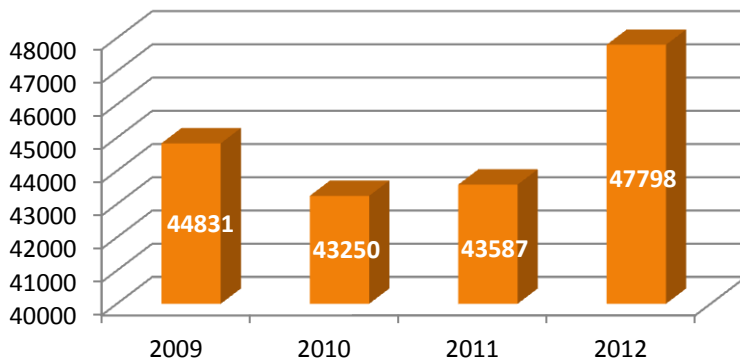


Calls for Service Summary

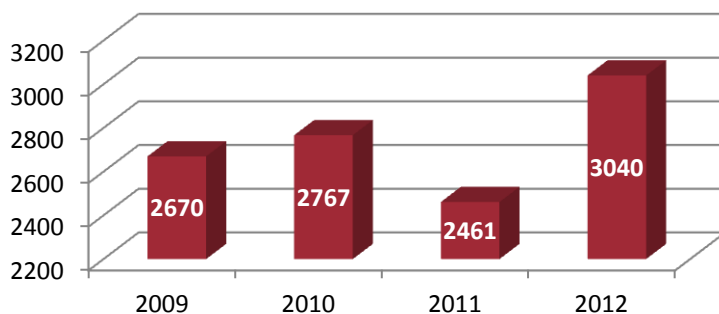
2012 Calls for Service47,798

- City of Hilliard44,758
- Norwich Township.....3,040

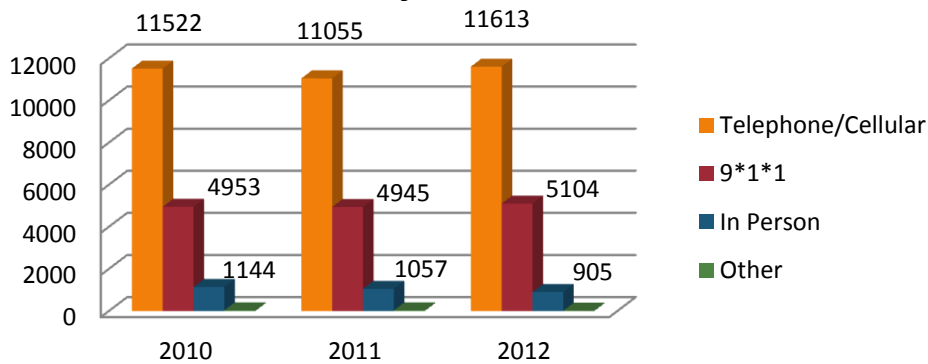
City of Hilliard - Total CFS



Norwich Township - Total CFS



Community Calls for Service



How Calls Were Received

From:	# Calls
via Radio	30,158
Telephone	11,613
9-1-1	5,104
Walk-In	905
Other	18

On an Average Day

123
Calls for Service

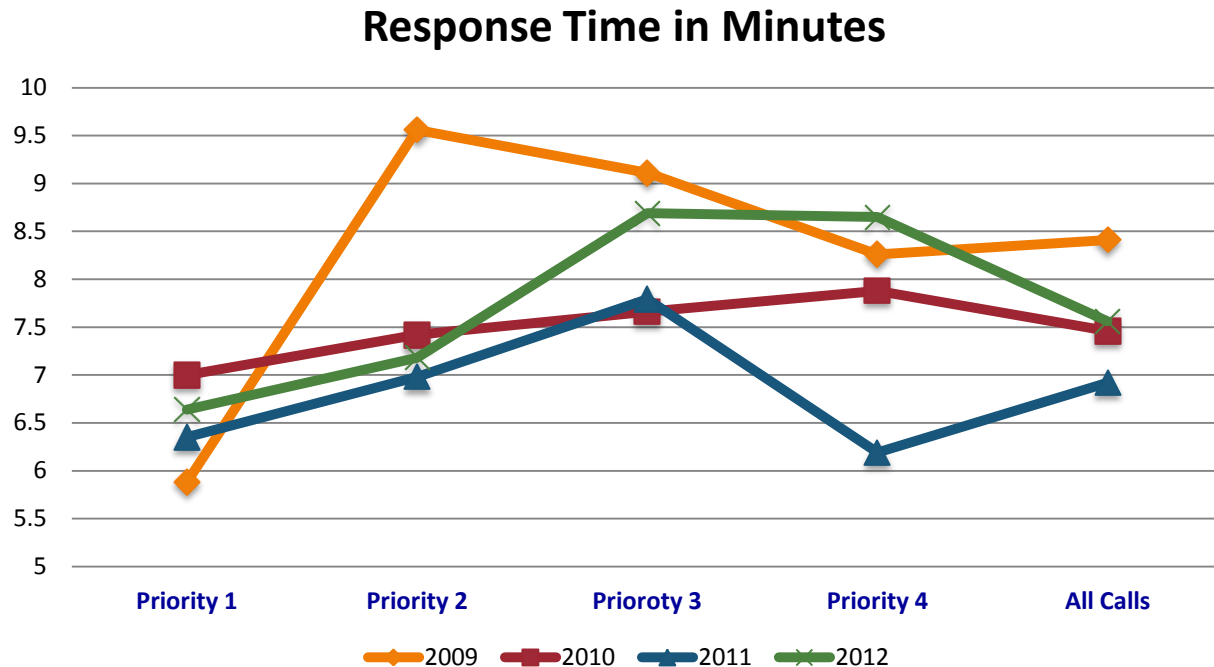
31
CFS Reported
via Telephone

14
CFS Reported
via 9-1-1

83
CFS Reported
by Officers



Response Time Summary



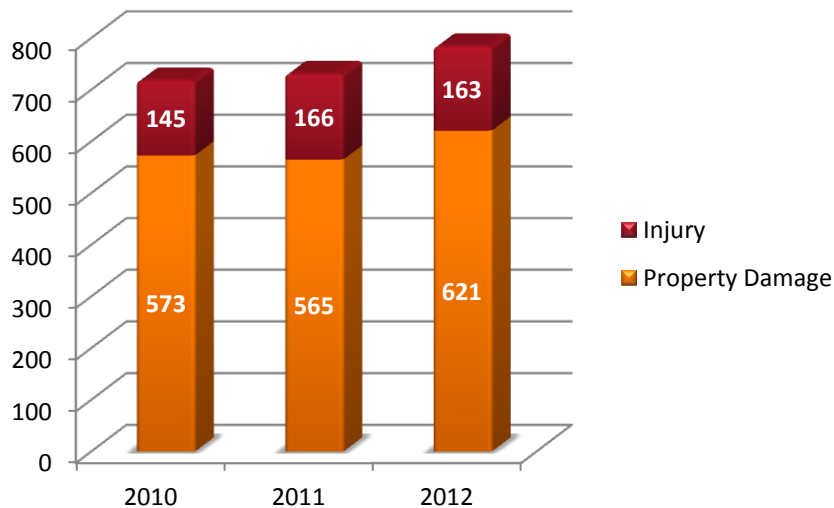
The Division of Police categorizes all calls for service into four levels of response. Each level of response is prioritized based on the urgency of the call for service requested. Life threatening situations are considered a Priority 1 response and warrant the most expedient response. Priority 2 responses are reserved for serious threats of physical harm, crimes in progress and auto accidents. Priority 3 and 4 calls are considered routine and usually consist of criminal report requests, animal complaints and traffic complaints.

In 2012 officers averaged a 6.64 minute response time to Priority 1 calls and an overall average response time for all calls for service of 7.56 minutes.

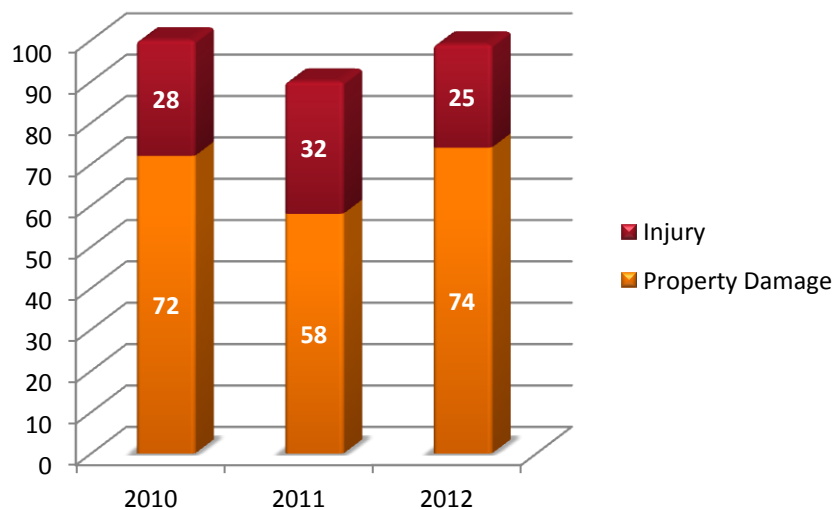
<u>Average Response Time</u> (All Calls for Service) 5 Year Comparison	
2008	7.76 minutes
2009	7.44 minutes
2010	7.46 minutes
2011	6.92 minutes
2012	7.56 minutes

Traffic Crash Summary

City of Hilliard



Norwich Township



In 2012 the Division of Police investigated 883 accidents. Overall, the number of crashes increased 8% from the previous year; however, the number of injury crashes decreased by 5%.

2012 Traffic Crash Stats

1
Fatality

5
Pedestrian/Bicyclist Struck

263
Persons Injured

Top Accident Locations

89 Crashes
Cemetery Rd. & Main St.

37 Crashes
Scioto Darby Rd. & Main St.

25 Crashes
Britton Pkwy. & Davidson Rd

24 Crashes
Cemetery Rd. & Lyman Dr.

15 Crashes
Cemetery Rd. & Leap Rd.

15 Crashes
Britton Pkwy & Hayden Run Rd.

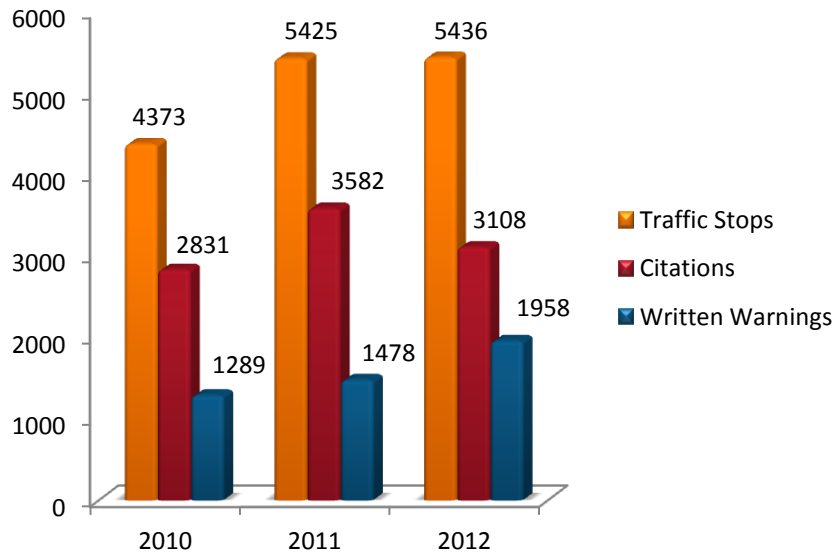
15 Crashes
Cemetery Rd. & I-270 Overpass

On an Average Day

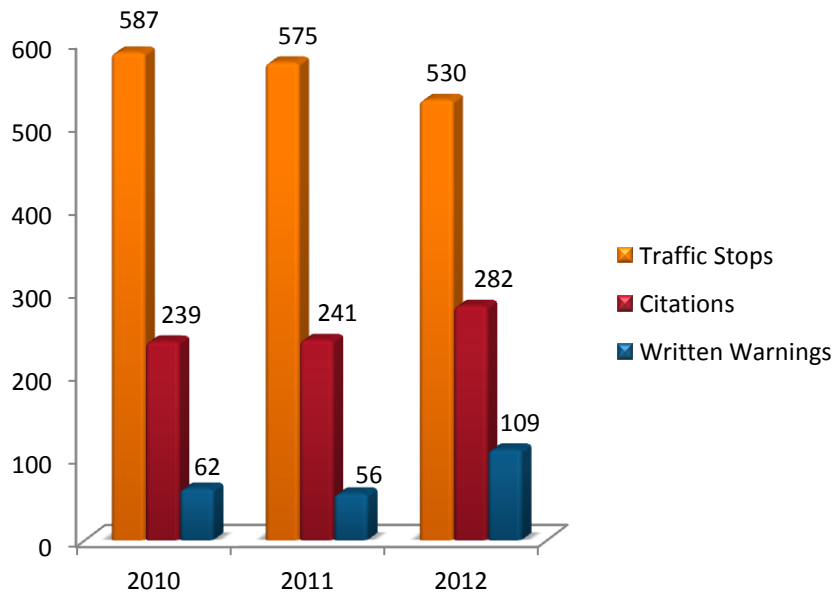
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Traffic Crashes

Traffic Enforcement Summary

City of Hilliard



Norwich Township



2012 Stats at a Glance

5966
Traffic Stops
3390
Citations Issued
2067
Written Warnings
139
Drunk Drivers Arrested
772
Speed Citations
554
Driving Under Suspension Violations
246
No Operator's License
77
Seat Belt Violations

On an Average Day

16
Traffic Stops
9
Citations Issued
6
Written Warnings

Crime Report Summary (Type 1)

Major Crime Summary

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault (*)	Burglary	Breaking & Entering	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson	Total Type 1 Crimes
City of Hilliard										
2010	0	4	11	156	77	63	627	27	7	983
2011	2	1	10	152	78	50	563	20	10	886
2012	0 (-100%)	3 (+200%)	13 (+30%)	138 (-9%)	90 (+15%)	41 (-18%)	557 (-1%)	28 (+40%)	8 (-20%)	878 (-1%)
Norwich Township										
2010	0	0	0	7	10	10	22	2	0	51
2011	0	0	1	10	13	2	35	1	0	62
2012	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (+100%)	6 (-40%)	17 (+43%)	1 (-50%)	33 (-6%)	3 (+200%)	1 (+100%)	63 (+1.6%)

During 2012 reported Major Crime offenses were down 1% in the City of Hilliard from 2011 and up by just one offense in Norwich Township. Thefts continue to be the most numerous Type 1 crime reported.

Total Crime Summary

	Type 1 Crimes (From Above)	Type 2 Crimes	Total Reported Crimes
City of Hilliard			
2010	983	1502	2485
2011	886	1615	2501
2012	878	1534	2412 (-3.5%)
Norwich Township			
2010	51	106	157
2011	62	108	170
2012	63	93	156 (-8%)

Total Reported Crimes (Hilliard & Norwich Township)	
Year 2010	2642
Year 2011	2671
Year 2012	2568(-3.9%)

Overall during 2012, the total reported crime was down 3.5% in the City of Hilliard and crime was furthermore decreased in Norwich Township by 8%.

Crime Report Summary (Type 2)

Crime	2010	2011	2012	Crime	2010	2011	2012
Abandoned / Junk Vehicle	11	3	10	Abduction	1	1	2
Accidental Death	0	0	3	Accidental Shooting	0	0	0
Aid / Transport	51	38	54	Alarm Complaint	38	62	56
Animal Complaint	21	21	21	Bad Check	8	4	4
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	Bribery	0	0	0
Child Abuse	25	11	10	Consent To Search	1	1	3
Contempt Of Court	9	10	11	Corruption Of Minor	8	6	2
Criminal Damaging	194	185	149	Criminal Mischief	13	13	14
Curfew	8	14	4	Defrauding A Holstery	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	32	25	23	Disrupting Public Services	1	0	0
Disseminate Harmful Matter	0	0	1	Escape	0	0	1
Escape- Attempt	0	0	0	Ethnic Intimidation	1	0	0
Fail To Pay For Goods & Serv.	1	0	3	Falsification	5	7	8
Felony Fleeing	5	4	3	Forgery	9	6	5
Found Property	144	151	154	Fraud Complaint	77	102	93
Gambling Complaint	0	0	0	Hazing	0	0	0
Impersonating Peace Officer	0	1	0	Inciting To Violence	0	0	0
Inducing Panic	1	0	0	Juvenile Complaints	11	22	28
Liquor Violation – Adult	20	23	30	Liquor Violation – Juvenile	20	25	14
Littering	0	2	1	Lost Property	22	13	13
Menacing Threats	49	30	31	Miscellaneous Incident	36	52	33
Missing Person – Adult	7	11	7	Missing Person – Juvenile	35	35	36
Misuse Of Credit Cards	11	6	6	Narcotics Complaint	166	247	259
Natural Death	8	22	19	Obstructing Justice	2	3	0
Obstructing Official Business	10	23	12	Officer Involved Shooting	0	1	0
Operating Vehicle Intoxicated	170	176	138	Warrant – Out Of Jurisdic.	131	160	167
Overdose	25	22	33	Poss. Of Criminal Tools	3	1	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	Public Indecency	3	1	2
Receiving Stolen Property	15	11	17	Recovered Stolen Auto	9	2	10
Resisting Arrest	5	8	4	Riot	0	0	0
School Truancy	2	1	0	Securing By Deception	0	0	0
Sex Offense	17	7	8	Sexual Imposition	4	2	4
Solicitation – Adult	0	0	1	Solicitation – Juvenile	0	0	0
Stalking	2	2	1	Suicide	2	3	3
Suicide Attempt	28	17	11	Tampering W/Coin Machine	0	0	0
Tampering W/ Records	0	0	0	Telecomm. Harassment	69	63	58
Trespassing	13	7	9	Unauthorized Use Property	4	3	6
Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle	11	12	9	Undetermined Death	10	4	0
Vandalism	6	21	9	Weapons Complaint	18	21	13

Arrest Breakdown *(Adults vs. Juvenile)*

This chart shows the number of individuals arrested for the year period and the highest offense for which they were charged.

Offense	2010			2011			2012		
	Adult	Juv.	Total	Adult	Juv.	Total	Adult	Juv.	Total
Murder	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Robbery	6	0	6	3	1	4	10	1	11
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	3	3	6	3	0	3
Burglary / B & E	16	5	21	7	4	11	32	6	38
Larceny-Theft	38	10	48	67	18	85	77	27	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Other Assaults	43	19	62	43	13	56	48	7	55
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	3	0	3	1	0	1	17	0	17
Fraud	7	0	7	2	0	2	4	0	4
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	23	7	30	15	2	17	39	7	46
Vandalism	4	3	7	8	4	12	2	7	9
Weapons – Carrying	8	6	14	10	5	15	9	2	11
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sex Offenses	1	0	1	1	0	1	8	0	8
Drug Abuse/Sales	93	26	119	148	37	185	153	34	187
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family	5	1	6	12	2	14	43	7	50
Driving Under the Influence	151	5	156	151	3	154	138	0	138
Liquor Laws	21	21	42	24	33	57	40	18	58
Disorderly Conduct	23	9	32	19	7	25	18	2	20
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	234	40	274	296	32	328	714	59	773
Curfew/Loitering	0	9	9	0	13	13	0	5	5
Runaway	0	33	33	0	29	29	0	31	31

Criminal Charges Filed

This chart shows the total number of criminal charges that were filed against persons for the year.

Offense	Charges Filed		
	2010	2011	2012
Murder	0	4	0
Rape	5	0	1
Robbery	9	9	11
Aggravated Assault	1	11	3
Burglary / B & E	21	13	38
Larceny-Theft	53	92	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0
Other Assaults	65	58	55
Arson	0	0	0
Forgery	5	5	17
Fraud	9	7	4
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	38	26	46
Vandalism	8	12	9
Weapons – Carrying	17	17	11
Prostitution	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	12	1	8
Drug Abuse/Sales	129	200	187
Gambling	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family	41	54	50
Driving Under the Influence	178	177	138
Liquor Laws	50	69	58
Disorderly Conduct	39	29	20
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	739	831	773
Curfew/Loitering	16	23	5
Runaway	35	30	31
TOTAL CHARGES FILED	1,470	1,669	1,570

Criminal Investigations Unit Summary

The Criminal Investigations Unit is comprised of four detectives and one sergeant. This unit is responsible for the follow-up investigations of serious crimes reported to the Division of Police. Each case report taken by the Division is evaluated based on numerous solvability factors. Those cases in which these factors lead to the identification of potential suspects are forwarded to the CIU for further investigation.

	2010	2011	2012
Total Case Reports Taken	2642	2671	2568
• Hilliard	2485	2501	2412
• Norwich Twp.	157	170	156
Cases Assigned for Follow-Up	549	488	494
• Hilliard	505	425	462
• Norwich Twp.	44	63	32
Percentage of Assigned Cases			
• Hilliard	20.3%	16.8%	19.2%
• Norwich Twp.	28%	37%	20.5%

Based on case review and known solvability factors, 19.2% of all case reports taken within the City of Hilliard and 20.5% of all case reports taken within Norwich Township received follow-up investigation from the Agency's Criminal Investigative Unit.

2012 Case Summary as of December 31, 2012:

- Active Cases = 53
- Cases Classified as Inactive = 99
- Cases Closed = 151
- Cases Prosecuted = 170
- Unfounded Cases = 10
- Cases Pending Grand Jury = 11



Sgt. Mike Redmond leads the CIU. In 2012 he was recognized for 30 years of service with the Division of Police.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit is a newly formed unit within the Agency. Begun in October 2012, its purpose is to use proactive enforcement methods (smart policing) to solve community-crime problems and bring lawbreakers to justice. Twenty-five year veteran, Sgt. David Cunningham, heads up this unit. In 2013, two detectives will be added to this team fulfilling one of Chief Francis' goals of meeting the community's needs through innovative solutions.



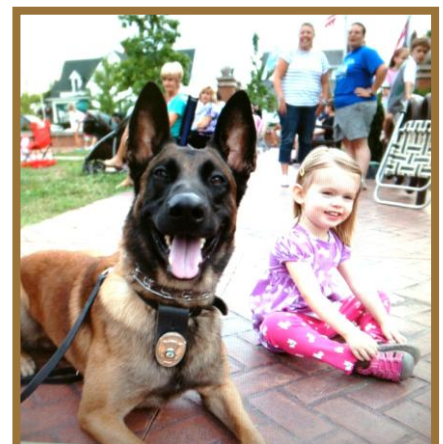
Canine Unit

In 2012, the Agency's three canine officers were reassigned and included as part of the Special Investigations Unit. These canine units will not only be part of the Agency's uniformed patrol presence but will also be utilized in numerous "smart policing" initiatives.

CANINE UNIT STATISTICS	2011	2012
Canine Callouts	5	11
Canine-Related Calls (Uses)	764	1559
Canine-Assisted Arrests	73	113
Vehicle Sniffs	127	298
Tracking (Suspects/Missing Persons)	8	13
Canine Use Reports Filed	212	463
Canine Use of Force	1	1



Officer David Burck and Canine Erko visit with some special friends.



Notable Canine Uses:

The Canine Unit has assisted the Department of Homeland Security Bulk Currency Smuggling Task Force since February and was beneficial in seizing more than \$2,000,000 of currency being utilized to facilitate the local drug trade. The canines also conducted numerous school sniffs in the Hilliard City Schools as well as assisting with sniffs in numerous other school systems including Bucyrus, Westerville, Reynoldsburg, Groveport, Dublin and Delaware County Schools. Additional highlights include:

- February 24: HPD canines chased down a fleeing suspect. Two thousand dollars and heroin were recovered.
- April 17: HPD canines alerted to a vehicle leading to the seizure of heroin, cash and three firearms.
- August 10: HPD canines tracked a gasoline theft suspect for 45 minutes and made an apprehension.
- August 23: HPD canines located a marijuana grow operation off of Interstate 270 that yielded almost 100 plants.
- September 18: HPD canines alerted on a gym bag that was found to contain \$239,000.



Some of the U.S. Currency seized by HPD canine officers in 2012.

Canine Eros in action.



Community Commitment to the Canines:

In 2012 a fund was started to purchase ballistic vests for the three canine units. These vests protect the animals from bullets and sharp edged weapons and each vest costs approximately \$2,000.

Two individuals came forward and donated the necessary funds to equip each one of our canine units with a ballistic vest. The Division of Police is appreciative to State Senator Jim Hughes and Brett Frebus of Insource Logistics for their gracious donations.



Left to Right; Canine Ofc. David Burke (and Erko), State Senator Jim Hughes, Chief Francis and Canine Ofc. Jim Large (and Oz).

Left to Right; Canine Ofc. Doug Lightfoot (and Eros), Brett Frebus (President of Insource Logistics) and Chief Francis.



Community Outreach Unit

The Community Outreach Unit is an essential part of the Agency which is responsible for facilitating & coordinating various community oriented policing programs.

Community Outreach Statistics - 2012		
Event	Number of Public Appearances	Total Citizens/Students Attending
Block Watch Meetings	7	388
Station Tours	19	334
Public Appearances	24	6,400
Preschool Appearances	3	145
Patrol Ride-Alongs	35	36
Woman's Self Defense Classes	4	84
Classes Hosted	2	57
Canine Appearances	9	505
Bicycle Officer Appearances	3	300
Appearances at Picnics/Parades	5	535
Topic Speakers	34	2289
Citizens Police Academies	1	26
Totals	146	11,099



Ofc. Ryan Turner getting soaked in the dunk tank during National Night Out.



Canine Ofc. Doug Lightfoot and Eros.

Community Outreach Unit

Four Woman's Self Defense classes were held in 2012 providing almost 100 women with the needed skills to help protect themselves from being a victim of crime.



Above & Right - Officer Marcus Blevins and Officer Mark Proud providing instruction on how to counter-attack and protect oneself.



Left - Officer Michael Metz takes a practice hit from Angela Francis, the wife of Chief Francis, during a recent WSD class.



Property Room Summary

Two evidence drying cabinets were purchased and installed in 2012. These units have proven to be valuable pieces of equipment, immediately being used for drying marijuana found at a grow operation (so that it could be submitted to the lab) and drying documents from a fatal fire.

Another exciting addition to the property room was a large enclosed area to the bike impound. This area is now a secure area with two compartments allowing for evidence to be stored in a fully secured area and found property to be stored in a separate area.

Additionally, the property room personnel continue to work with the D.E.A. to facilitate the National Take Back Initiative, in which 65.6 pounds of drugs were collected during the year of 2012.

There was a slight increase in the total number of articles impounded in 2012. The increase in articles translates to 5,270 items in the property room's overall inventory. Another notable achievement: Property Clerk Pam Cunningham is now certified to identify marijuana and earned a Marijuana Identification Certification in September.

Property Room Statistics - 2012

- Articles Impounded 1969
- Articles Purged 1851
- 2012 Inventory Reduction 3.1%

- Unclaimed Funds & Auction Proceeds \$1,423
- Forfeited/Seized Funds \$1,202

- Vehicles Impounded 472
- Vehicles Returned To Owner 438
- Vehicles Salvaged 39

- Items Submitted For Lab Results Total = 100
 - BCI& I Crime Lab 85
 - OSHP Crime Lab 4
 - CPD Crime Lab 1
 - Other Labs 6
 - Fire Marshall 4

Right - \$5,000 improvements to the storage area in the auxiliary garages of the JSSB used to secure additional property and evidence.



Above - New Drying Cabinets



Fleet Management

Vehicle Inventory (as of December 31, 2012)

Type Of Vehicle	VEHICLES 2011	MILES DRIVEN	VEHICLES 2012	MILES DRIVEN
Marked Patrol Vehicles <i>(Patrol Bureau)</i>	19	437,887	23	430,759
Marked Support Vehicles <i>(Investigations, DARE and Motorcycle)</i>	5	11,270	3	1,877
Unmarked Support/Staff Vehicles <i>(Staff, Support and Detective Bureau)</i>	15	39,188	12	63,521
Totals	39	488,345	38	496,157

The Division of Police maintains a fleet of 38 vehicles that are comprised of marked patrol units, marked investigation vehicles, unmarked staff cars and seized vehicles utilized for surveillance. In 2012, agency personnel drove a total of 496,157 miles.



Chief Francis and Deputy Chief Fisher lead the July 4th parade and unveil the new marked police vehicles to the Hilliard community.

Explorers Post #2286

The Division of Police has an active Explorers Post which is run in conjunction with the Boys Scouts of America. In 2012, membership increased from 11 to 15 active members. Explorers assisted officers with the Hilliard 4th of July Parade and fireworks detail. As part of their training, they visited several venues relating to public safety such as: Columbus SWAT, Med Flight and Common Pleas Court. They also received hands-on training in the use of RADAR and LIDAR, traffic stops, self-defense, crime scene investigation, building searches, tactical medic, and firearms.



Ofc. Doug Lightfoot instructs the Explorers in self-defense techniques.



Ofc. Michael Deaton and members of the Explorers Post were on hand at the "2012 Best Home Town" award celebration.

Student Internship Program

The Division of Police works with several universities to provide college students with internships. The Agency's Internship Program is a 170+ hour program that exposes students to all aspects of Law Enforcement. As part of all internships, the student must complete a division sponsored project and present the project to members of the Agency's Command Staff. In 2012, three students completed internships within the Agency.

Intern Eric Robinson – Graduated in March 2012

- *Project: Developed information to be distributed to victims of crime.*

Intern Nathan Fenton – Graduated in March 2012

- *Project: Developed and implemented a Business Police Academy program.*

Intern Stephanie Coulthurst – Graduated in August 2012

- *Project: Created a digital resource contact database/spreadsheet that can be easily accessed and updated for our patrol officers.*



Eric Robinson



Nathan Fenton



Stephanie Coulthurst

Citizens and Business Police Academies

The Division of Police was proud to graduate the 4th Hilliard Citizens Police Academy during 2012.



Citizens Police Academy – Class #4

Back Row- Officer Hyda Slone, Dale Frame, Tracy Bradford, Bill Mills, Stephanie Coulthurst, Margaret Nichols, Sarah Blanton, Brady Miller, Linda Brown, Dawn Turner, Ron Shepard, Matthew Garrido, Libby Gierach, Katrena Mitchell

Front Row- Deputy Chief Robert Fisher, Stephanie Kunze, Sandra Blanton, Val Vore, Martha Vore, Sharon Boerner, Dixie Sampson, Amy Gingerich, Bob Gingerich, Chief J. Douglas Francis

Business Police Academy – Class #1



Deputy Chief Fisher and Ofc. Hyda Slone pose with the graduates of the first Business Police Academy. In order for local business to better understand crime that affects them, HPD sponsored two BPA classes in 2012.

Additional Highlights from 2012

During 2012, many notable events occurred within the Division of Police. Included are some of the more significant events:



During the 2012 "Best Hometown Award" celebration, Chief Francis introduces the new Deputy Chief of Police Bobby Fisher to retired Hilliard Police Chief Rodney Garnett.



During the first part of 2012 a rash of robberies occurred within the northwest part of Franklin County that also resulted in one homicide. As the result of collaboration between numerous local law enforcement agencies, the suspects were all apprehended and charged.

Above - Chief Francis is present at a local news conference announcing the arrests of some of the robbery suspects. Right – To calm public fears, a safety forum was held to provide area businesses and homeowners with safety and crime prevention tips.



Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



January 16th – A house fire at 4907 Britton Farms Drive was ruled an arson by investigators. The home, occupied at the time, was the home of an Islamic scholar's son. The community held a vigil on February 1st to bring awareness to a possible hate crime. The case remains unsolved.

The series of robberies that affected the cities of Hilliard and Dublin and the arrests of numerous suspects highlighted the cooperative spirit among multiple law enforcement agencies. In March, the spirit of sharing of resources between the Hilliard and Dublin police agencies was highlighted in several news stories. Right – Hilliard Police Chief Douglas Francis is pictured with Dublin's Police Chief Heinz von Eckartsberg.



April – the Division of Police co-sponsored, with the Hilliard Youth and Family Commission, a prescription drug awareness symposium aimed at bringing attention to the potential dangers of prescription drugs. Chief Francis served as a panel member during the event.

Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



April – Officer Ron Burkitt received the annual “Asset Builder Award” presented by the Hilliard Youth and Family Commission. Ron received this award for his years of working with Hilliard youth as a School Resource Officer at Hilliard Davidson High School.



May 17 – Officer Jared Zellers resumed his services to the citizens of Hilliard as a police officer. Jared had been deployed to Afghanistan for over 6 months as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. He serves as a staff sergeant with the 121st Security Force of the Ohio Air National Guard. Left – Jared proudly displays an HPD flag in the deserts of Afghanistan. Right – Jared is welcomed back to work.

Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



May 25 – Hilliard hosts the first of two DUI checkpoints in 2012. Sergeant Ron Clark heads up the Agency's traffic safety efforts as part of the Franklin County DUI Task Force.



June - For over 20 years, Hilliard police officers and Norwich Township firefighters have teamed up to provide our Safety Town program teaching children safety both at school and home. Left - Children attending Safety Town get a lesson in crossing the street.

As part of Safety Town's Law Enforcement Day, Columbus Police provided a helicopter for the children to observe. Right - Officers Burkitt, Metz, Gano, and Blevins pose in front of the CPD helicopter.



Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



June 22 – Officer Sean Johnson joins in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run.

July 4th Celebration



July 4 – The Division of Police always takes an active role in celebrating the July 4th Holiday by providing traffic, safety and community services.

Above – Members of the Police Honor Guard lead the parade. Upper Right – Officers Cohill and Settles patrol the parade route. Center Right – Ofc. Slone has fun with some kids who stopped by to visit. Lower Right – Lt. Plesich patrols Municipal Park prior to the fireworks.



Cops and Kids Day – July 16th



Officers Metz and Blevins represented HPD at Cops and Kids Day during the Franklin County Fair. The new HPD Police Car was voted best in show for the police car competition.



Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



August - National Night Out - Hilliard officers hosted their largest annual National Night Out event in Hayden Run Park. Sgt. Curtis Baker is responsible to bring the NNO event to a different neighborhood each year. Left - Chief Francis, Ofc. Kris Settles and Target volunteers at the NNO raffle.



August – Several members of HPD attended police patrol bike training to receive their patrol bike certification. The Agency now has 13 police officers certified to be police bicycle officers. Left - Ofc. Kyle Bright navigating the stairs. Center - Bike officers taking down a “Redman” during training. Right - Ofc. Ryan Turner completing a skills drill.



Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



September 8th – **Hilliardfest** - The Division of Police took an active role in promoting our community spirit by participating in the annual "Hilliardfest." Left – Officer Mike Metz shows off a police cruiser to a new friend. Below – Officers Okey, Metz and Blevins setup the bicycle safety obstacle course as part of the impaired driver awareness series.



SAFETY SERVICES BLDG.

Norwich Township - City of Hilliard



As a result of community donations, all three of the Agency's canines received ballistic vests in 2012. Left – Canines Eros, Erko and Oz model their new protective vests.

First Responders Park – September 11th

"Our American spirit is defined by our innate ability to reach out and help others, even in times of unthinkable crises and unfathomable odds."

-Mayor Don Schonhardt



In-Service Training 2012



The Agency continued to provide up-to-date, realistic in-service training to its police officers. Above – Deputy Chief Fisher and Sgt. Bucy clear a stairwell as part of the "active deadly force training." Upper Right – Detective Wells clears a hallway while responding to a mock crisis.



Above – Officers Zellers and Long train in the deployment of "stop sticks" as part of vehicle pursuit termination training. Left – Officers Cramer, Long and Agosta participate in shooting drills in the Agency's firing range.

Additional Highlights from 2012 *(Continued)*



The Hilliard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association hosted the second annual Police versus Fire softball game. The event was held on August 3, 2012 with the Norwich Township Fire Department taking home the winning trophy again.



Left - Chief Francis and the HPD Honor Guard leading the annual Veteran's Day Parade held on November 11, 2012.



Left – November 12, 2012 – President Obama visited the Franklin County Fairgrounds. The Division of Police worked closely with the U.S. Secret Service to ensure the security of the President. Right – December 21, 2012 – Officers Vance and Vogelsang graduated from the OSHP 128th Basic Police Academy. Mayor Schonhardt, Chief Francis and Deputy Chief Fisher attended the graduation ceremony.

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